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TAGS: PINS, PINT, JM
SUBJECT: VIOLENCE UPDATE NO 15
REF: KINGSTON 7917
1. C-ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY THE WEEK IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING AS WELL AS
TLVUKE FOLLOWIN (OCTOBER 23 THROUGH NOVEMBER 5) THE
OCTOBER 30 GENERAL ELECTIONS WERE MARKED BY HIGH LEVELS OF
VIOLENCE.A TOTAL OF SEVENTY PERSONS DIED IN THIS TWO
WEEK PERIOD. 57 WERE MURDERED BY GUNMEN AND 13 WERE
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KILLED BY THE SECURITY FORCES. MOST DEATHS WERE RELATED
TO THE ELECTION. TW M-16 RIFLES AND SEVERAL OTHER AUTHOMATIC
WEAPONS WERE RECOVERED BY THE POLICE DURING THE REPORTING
PERIOD.
3. INCIDENT BREAKDOWN OCTOBER 23 TO OCTOBER 29
A. TOTAL MURDERS 38
B. SUSPECTED POLITICALLY MOTIVATED MURDERS 14
C. SUSPECTED CRIMINALLY MOTIVATED MURDERS 2
D. MURDERS OF UNKNOWN MOTIVATION 17
E. PERSON KILLED BY THE SECURITY FORCES 5
(THE ABOVE AND FOLLOWING STATISTICS WERE REPORTED IN THE
DAILY GLEANER WHICH RECEIVES INFOMATION FROM THE POLICE IN-
FORMATION CENTER (PIC)
INCIDENT BREAKDOWN OCTOBER 30 NOVEMBER 5:
A. TOTAL MURDERS 19
B. SUSPECTED POLITICALLY MOTIVATED MURDERS 5

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C. SUSPECTED CRUMINALLY MOTIVATED MURDERS : 3
D. MURDERS OF UNKNOWN MOTIVATION : 11
E. PERSONS KILLED BY SECURITY FORCES : 8

4. MAJOR INCIDENTS:

--(INCIDENTS OF INTEREST IN THE OCTOBER 23-31 PERIOD HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN EMBASSY SITREPS.

-- THE FINAL COUNT OF VOTES IN THE WESTERN ST. ANDREW DISTRICT WAS SUSPENDED ON NOVEMBER 1 AFTER THE COUNTING CENTER CAME UNDER GUNFIRE. PUBLISHED REPORTS INDICATE THAT SUPPORTERS OF THE TWO MAJOR PARTIES STARTED THE DISTURBANCE AS THE TWO GROUPS CAME TO THE CENTER TO SEE WHO WOULD WIN THE VERY CLOSE CONTEST BETWEEN FORMAL NATIONAL SECURITY MINISTER DUDLEY THOMPSON AND FORMER ASSISTANT POLICE COMMISSIONER OWNE STEPHENSON.

-- TWO POLICEMAN WERE WOUNDED ON NOVEMBER 1 BY A CROWD.

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ESTIMATED BY THE PIC AT 2,000 PEOPLE, WHICH WAS LOOTING STORES IN THE OLYMPIC GARDENS/ WALTHAM PARK AREA IN WEST CENTRAL ST ANDREW. MANY IN THE CROWD CARRIED STICKS STONES AND MACHETES. WHEN THE SECURITY FORCES ARRIVED ON THE SCENE, THEY WER MET BY GUNFIRE FROM MEN ON ROOFS OF BUILDINGS. THE POLICE INSTITUTED A ROUND THE CLOCK SECURITY PATROL AFTER DISPERSING THE LOOTERS.

-- ON NOVEMBER 1, SUPPORTES OF THE JLP WENT ON A RAMPAGE NEAR MAY PEN CLARENDON, AND LOOTED AND DESTROYED SHOPS AND HOMES. WITNESS TALKING TO A DAILY GLEANER REPORTER CLAIM THAT GUNMEN HELD HTME AT BAY WHILE JLP SUPPORTERS LOOTED THEIR HOMES AND BUSINESSES.

--ON NOVEMBER 2 POLICE SHOT AND KILLED A MAN, WANTED FOR MURDER AND A SERIES OF CRIMES, ON A SHOOTOUT IN NORTHEAST ST CATHERINE. AFTER THE INCIDENT POLICE DISCOVERED A CACHE OF ARMS IN THE HOUSE WHERE THE MAN HAD BEEN HIDING THE WEAPONS FOUND INCLUDE AN M-16 AND 10 SUBMACHINE GUN, AN M-1 ENFORCER AND A 9MM BARETTA HANDGUN.

--ON NOVEMBER 4 POLICE CONFRONTED A MAN CARRYING A BAG OVER HIS SHOULDER IN OLYMPIC GARDENS. THE MAN DROOPED THE BAG AND ESCAPED WHEN HE WAS ORDERED TO STOP. AND POLICE FOUND AN M-16 AND 29 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN THE BAG.

-POLICE REINSTITUTED LOCALIZED 10 P.M -7AM CURFEWS IN THE CORPORATE AREA ON NOVEMBER 4 FOR AT LEAST ONE NIGHT, THESE ARE THE FIRST CURFEWS LIKE THIS SINCE AUGUST. THE TWO AREAS AFFECTED IN THESE INITIAL CURFEWS ARE THE MOUNTAIN VIEW WARIKA HILLS SECTION ALONG THE ROAD TO THE AIRPORT AND THE WALTHAM PARK DEVELOPMENT IN WEST CENTRAL ST ANDREW.

--A SCHOOL BUOLT BY CUBAN CONSTRUCTION WORKERS IN MONTPELLIER, ST JAMES. WAS ATTACKED ON NOVEMBER 4 BY JOBS

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WHO REMOVED ALMOST ALL BUILDING MATERIALS FROM SITE. POLICE AND SECURITY OFFICERS STOOD BY HELPLESSLY AS THE CROWD CLAIMED THE MATERIALS BELONGED TO JAMAICA NOT TO CUBA. EARLIE RUMORS HAD CIRCULATED IN THE COMMUNITY THAT A BOAT

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IN MONTEGO BAY HARBOR HAD COME TO COLLECT ALL UNUSED MATERIALS THE SCHOOL BUILDING WAS NOT DAMAGED.

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IN A BRIEF MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR ON NOVEMBER 4
ABOUT ATTACKS ON PNP SUPPORTERS BY JLP SUPPORTERS.
-- SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERNECE ON NOVEMBER 4
PNP GENERAL SECRETARY D.K. DUNCAN ALLEGE THAT OVER 100
INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE HAD TAKNE PLACE AC NST PNP
SUPPORTES SINCE THE OCTOBER 30 ELECTIONS. DUNCAN
ANNOUNCED THE FORMATION OF THREE PNP COMMITTEES TO MEET
WITH THE SECURITY FORCES, THE JLP AND THE JAMAICA
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES TO BRING AN END TO THE "HARRASSMENT".
-- AN M-1 ENFORCER AND TWELVE ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION
WERE SEIZED BY SECURITY FORCES AFTER A NOVEMBER 5
SHOOTOUT IN WHICH THE MAN CARRYING THE GUN WAS KILLED.
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--REPORTS CARRIED IN THE NOVEMBER 6 GLEANER INDICATE
THAT JLP SUPPORTES HAVE CARRIED OUT LOOKING AND
VANDELISM IN ST CATHERINE SINCE THE OCTOBER 30 ELECTIONS.
PIC REPORTS THAT THE ATTACKS HAVE COME AGAINST THOSE
ACCUSED OF BEING "SOCIALISTS"
-A NUMBER OF COMMENTARORS HAVE URGED PRIME MINISTER SEAGA TO MAKE A
STATEMENT ON THE INCIDENTS PERPETRATED AGAINST PNP SUPPORTES
BY SUPPORTERS OF THE JLP. DAWN RITCH AND FRANKLYN MCKNIGHT
BOTH VOCIFEROUS CRITICS OF THE PREVIOUS PNP GOVERNMENT.
WRITING IN THE NOVEMBER 6 GLEANER CALL ON SEAGA TO TELL
HIS SUPPORTES TO STOP THE VICTIMIZATION OF NPN LOYALIST.
THEY WARN OF THE DANGERS OF THE JLP BECOMING AS UNPOPULAR
AS THE GOVERNMENT IT REPLACED IF THESE INCIDENTS CONTINUE.

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-A HIGH RANKING JDF OFFICER TOLD EMBOFF ON NOVEMBER 5 ... ..
THAT THERE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT INCREASEL IN CRIME. ... ...
AS OPPOSED TO POLITICAL VIOLENCE SINCE THE ELECTION. ... ... b(1) ED
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REPORTS OF INCIDENTS WERE BEING REPOTED TO HIS OFFICE.
WHICH HE TAKES AS AN INDKCATION THAT VIOLENCE INCLUDING
THAT OF A CRIMINAL NATURE, IS DECREASING.
-- SECURITY FORCES REPORT THAT THEIR OPERATIONS ARE
HANDICAPPED BY THE ROADBLOCKS ON SIDE STREETS WHICH
CINTINE TO BE BUILD IN THE KINGSTON GHETTOS. THE
PEOPLE WHO BUILL THE ROADBLOCKS DO SO TO STOP GUNMEN
CRUSING IN AUTOS FROM ENTERING THEIR AREAS AT NIGHT. BUT IT
ALSO HAMPERA THE MOBILITY OF THE SEUCRITY FORCES. THE
SECURITY FORCES ARE SEEKING ADDITIONAL FRONT LOADERS TO
DISMANTLE THE BLOCKADES AND HAUL AWAY THE DEBRIS AND
THEY HAVE ASKED THA LOCAL CIVILIAN AUTHORIZIES TO HELP.
5. COMMENT THE OVERA , RATE OF VIOLENCE HAS CLEARLY
DECLINED SINCE THE ELECTION. HE NUMBER OF PERSONS REPORTED
KILLED BY GUNMEN AND CROWDS THE WEEK FOLLOWING THE ELECTION
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WAS HALF HE NUMBER OF THE WEEK PRECEDING THE ELECTION.
THERE WAS A SLGIHT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF GUNMEN KILLED
BY THE SECURITY FORCES AFTER THE ELECTION, BUT WE READ
NO SPECIAL SIGNIFICANT INTO THIS STATISTIC WHICH REFLECTS
A CONTINUING PATTERN RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVE ROLE
PLAYED BY THE POLICE AND MILITARY IN THEIR EFFORTS TO CONTROL
VIOLENCE.
6. THERE CLEARLY HAS BEEN VIOLENCE INITIATED BY
JLP SUPPORTES SINCE THE ELECTION. BUT FEW DEATHS APPEAR
TO HAVE RESULTED FROM THESE INCIDENTS. WE BELIEVE MOST OF
THESE HAVE BBN SPONTANEOUS AND MOTIVATED BY REVENGE
AND TRIBAL EXUBERANCE, AND WE SEE NO SIGNS OF AN ORGANIZED
VINDICATIVE CAMPAIGN BY THE WINNING PARTY. IN RECENT DAYS
THESE INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN TAPERING OFF.
7. WE TENS TO DOUBT THAT ANY PATTERN OF IRGANIZED
URBAN GUERRILLA VIOLENCE PS DEVELOPING IN KINGSTON.
INSTEAD, THE CLASHES WITH SECURITY FORCES APPEAR TO RESULT
FROM WELL ARMED POLITICAL GUNMEN AND GANGS (PROBABLY OF
BOTH PARTIES) SEEKING TO PROTECT THEIR TURF AS THE SECURITY
FORCES MOVE IN TO DISARM THEM. THE GUN COUNRT, WHICH THE
PNP INSTITUTED IN THE MID 70 TO INHIBIT CRIME, HAS
LOST ITSPSYCHOLOGICAL DETERENT EFFECT. THOSE WITH
GUNS IN THE GHETTO WOULD RATHER SHOOT IT OUT WITH SECURITY
FORCES THAN FACE A GUN COURT SENTENCE. END COMMETN.
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